



## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

### Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2005 9:40 a.m. – 12:26 p.m.

Monterey, California

#### Attendance:

Stephen Ricks	R. Mitchel Beauchamp	Ellen Faurot-Daniels	Dr. Jonna Mazet
Lisa Curtis	Linda Green	Matt Rezvani	Dr. Mike Ziccardi
Bud Leland	Joy Lavin-Jones	Kevin Mercier	
Joan Lundstrom	Steve Sawyer	Lisa Vandanput	
Sara Newkirk	Linda Scroutis	Stephanie Watson (Guest Speaker)	

The April 26, 2005 meeting of the Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), at the CA Department of Fish and Game office in Monterey, CA was called to order at 9:40 a.m. – Stephen Ricks, Chairperson, presiding.

#### I. COMMENCEMENT/INTRODUCTIONS

STEPHEN RICKS (CHAIRPERSON)/TAC

*Stephen Ricks turned meeting over to Lisa Curtis*

#### II. WELCOME/GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

LISA CURTIS

*Lisa Curtis, Deputy Administrator  
TAC Members - Self introductions*

##### **Pyramid Lake Oil Spill/Donner Pass Spill**

BUD LELAND/LISA CURTIS

- ❖ *Provided comments on the latest on the Pyramid Lake spill. It was a crude oil line from Bakersfield over to Wilmington. The line went down a hill about 500 vertical feet into a creek bed and on into the lake. A biological assessment is still going on.*
- ❖ *Provided information regarding the Donner Pass slough gas spill. We have mitigated the pipeline release. It was multi-product line.*

##### **Ventura Mystery Spill Update**

LISA CURTIS

- ❖ *Provided an update on the Ventura spill. The investigation still has not identified a major source. We are exploring the possibility of getting resources/funding from FEMA to recover some administrative costs from the incident.*
- ❖ *Jonna Mazet stated that they are still getting birds up to 59 as of last week. Jonna stated that they are also looking into getting help from FEMA.*

#### III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

STEPHEN RICKS (CHAIRPERSON)/TAC

- ❖ *R. Mitchel Beauchamp moved to approve minutes and Joan Lundstrom seconded, unanimously approved. Steve Ricks requested that an electronic copy of the final version of the minutes be sent out prior to next meeting.*

#### IV. AGENCY REPORTS California Coastal Commission:

CCC/BCDC/SLC  
Ellen Faurot-Daniels

- A one-page description of the process for background information on the undeveloped offshore oil leases and why they review them was distributed. Also distributed and discussed was a 27-page document on Consistency Determinations that was sent the Minerals Management Services last Friday; the MMS submitted ten Consistency Determinations related to the offshore lease suspensions.
- Ellen discussed the TAC's participation in the development of the "Places of Safe Refuge" guidelines. Ellen mentioned that Jean Cameron, Executive Coordinator of Pacific State/BC Task Force, led the early development on this. Jean Cameron is also planning to discuss further development of the guidelines with Carl. Ellen suggested a statewide workgroup be developed to provide further guidance on how Area Committees would create greater regional detail. Also needed as a clear decision-making process for the COTP using the guidelines during an actual event. The workgroup could consist of co-chairs from Coast Guard and OSPR, representatives from HSC, NOAA, and NMFS and other agencies and industries; and stakeholders as they are interested. Steve Ricks wanted to know what is driving the guidelines; and Ellen stated that Prestige incident off the coast of Spain prompted the guidelines. The Coast Guard has implemented the guidelines as part of June Update and it is included as an annex in the Area Plan. The guidelines are very general, and so the Coast Guard is expecting greater detail to be produced by the Area Committees.
- Bud mentioned that he has copies of Area Contingency Plan Places of Safe Refuge Annex for distribution. R. Mitchel Beauchamp suggested that maybe to name should be changed to "Decisions for Refuge".

State Lands Commission:

Kevin Mercier

## Report provided:

- Kevin Mercier remarked that the first annual report to the Legislature on the Oil Transfer and Transportation Emission and Risk Reduction Act of 2002 (OTTER) is being voted on today. The OTTER is an oil reporting act.
- Comments were provided on the Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standard (MOTEMS) report that has been completed. The Building Standards Commission anticipates publishing the requirements in May 2005. It will become regulation 180 days after published. They will be published in May 2005.
- Comments also provided on the consulting contract for their work in LNGTEMS have been signed and work has begun on the development of the new standard for Liquefied Natural Gas terminals.
- SLC was part of the pilot project testing Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC). All field personnel and professional staff have been issued a TWIC. Department of Transportation inside Homeland Security is requiring this procedure. All of the main oil terminals in the State have approved physical security plans.
- Kevin Mercier pointed out an error on last page of the report should be CAY 05 not CAY 03. Kevin Mercier stated a report will be published on the amount of oil and product transferred/moved by barge.

**SF Bay Conservation and Development Commission:***Linda Scroutis*

- The following report covers the activities of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) Oil Spill Prevention Program for the period January 22, 2005 through April 22, 2005.
- SF Harbor Safety Committee. **BCDC Commissioner Joan Lundstrom represented BCDC during the February-April 2005 HSC meetings and staff continued to support Commissioner Lundstrom in her work on the HSC and to attend all HSC meetings.**
- BCDC staff continues to assist the Harbor Safety Plan work group in its update efforts, with the goal of completing a comprehensive review and revisions as necessary for a vote by the HSC at its June 10 meeting. The HSC remains on schedule to submit the revised Plan to the Administrator by the end of fiscal year 2004-05.
- *The next HSC meeting will be held 10 a.m. May 12 at the Port of San Francisco.*
- The Prevention through People workgroup (PtP) sponsored a roundtable in February 2005 that brought together NOAA and S.F. Marine Exchange personnel involved in the operation of PORTS to discuss ideas for potentially funding the system. The SFMX is working with NOAA to keep PORTS operating after June of this year, when NOAA technical support is scheduled to discontinue. Since the February meeting, the HSC PORTS work group has been reconvened to generate funding sources. The group held its second meeting April 14, when it discussed the need to work with NOAA and S.F. Bar Pilots to prioritize the types of information most useful to Bay mariners to determine the optimal type and placement of sensors, and therefore future costs of maintaining a PORTS system.
- As part of the HSC's efforts to educate recreational boaters, the PtP began meeting with representatives of the paddle sports community (primarily kayakers) in the Bay Area to discuss how best to proceed with safety outreach measures. The work group met most recently with the operators of two primary kayak rental companies on the Bay, to discuss specific steps that can be taken to increase safe kayaking on the Bay, one of which would involve designing a laminated informational card that could serve several purposes and available at rental and launch sites as well as through kayaking organizations. A larger roundtable of the PtP work group, USCG and members of the kayaking community is scheduled for May 19.
- R. Mitchel Beauchamp proposed that the TAC be involved in Kayaking legislation. Joan wants the HSC to be named in the bill. Joan stated that a workgroup between the CG and several companies is being developed for the Ferry protocol.
- The Ferry Operations work Group met on April 6 to discuss near-miss incidents involving ferries. A small sub-work group will be convened by the Coast Guard to define protocols including communication between different ferry companies. These protocols are needed in areas of high convergence, such as the Ferry Building on the San Francisco waterfront.
- **Area Contingency Planning.** The BCDC Oil Spill Prevention staff continues to regularly attend San Francisco Bay/Delta Area Committee (AC) meetings.
- BCDC staff joined OSPR biologists, OSROs and oil shipping company representatives for a March 2 "dry lab" to review and amend the ACP protection strategies for sensitive sites. In an effort to meet the July deadline for ACP updates, further discussions will be held following the remaining ACP meetings this quarter.

- *The next scheduled AC meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. April 28, 2005, on Coast Guard Island, Alameda.*
- **Oil Spill Reporting and Spill Response.** A pipeline leak occurred adjacent to the storm water system at the Port of Oakland in early February, involving more than 5,000 gals of petroleum product, although a much smaller amount made its way to the Oakland Estuary due to swift response by the Coast Guard and OSPR. Because of the inaccurate mapping of the old storm water system, it took some days to locate the source of the spill, which was found to be a 10-inch gouge in a section of pipe carrying jet fuel to the Oakland and San Francisco airports. Fortunately, a parallel pipeline was flushed and the fuel transferred to that line, maintaining delivery to the airports.

## V. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

JOY LAVIN-JONES

- Joy Lavin-Jones discussed bills currently being tracked by OSPR.
- AB 752 bill is a sunset provision to remove some language that would allow the Administrator to establish lower COFR coverage amounts for smaller vessels.
- SB 403 Bluewater Network is one of the sponsors of the bill. SB 403 is very similar to SB 1480 introduced last year which gave a very broad description of hazardous cargoes carried by chemical tankers which might be required to have a tug escort. The bill was vetoed by Governor. SB 403 has been introduced this year which is similar but has narrowed the types of hazardous cargoes such as ammonium nitrate and anhydrous ammonia or other chemicals to be determined by the administrator upon review by a Chemical Tanker Task Force which would be formed to review chemical tankers in the state. The Chemical Tanker Task Force would consist of representatives from the following: TAC, HSC, SLC, DTSC, OES, Office of Homeland Security and CG and any other state agencies deemed appropriate. The Task Force would make recommendations to the Legislature by July 07. OSPR has done an analysis
- SB 771 Tracking only. Bluewater Network. Introduced. OSPR may or may not do an analysis on this bill.
- Joy discussed bollard pulling strength testing for Tug Boat. Carl gave permission for regulation change approving a one-year extension for re-testing.

## VI. CENCOOS PRESENTATION

MS. STEPHANIE WATSON

- The Central California Ocean Observing System (CeNCOOS) is a developing regional system and part of the national ocean observing system, the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). It is funded by NOAA's Coastal Services Center. CeNCOOS is a synergistic collaboration of approximately 55 academic/research institutions, private corporations, and public agencies, ranging geographically along the coast from Point Conception to the California-Oregon border (including bays and estuaries).
- The mission of CeNCOOS is to coordinate and support the development and implementation of a regional ocean observing system, as part of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System, which provides data and data products to a diversity of end users on spatial and temporal scales appropriate for their needs.
- To accomplish this mission, with funding from NOAA's Coastal Services Center, CeNCOOS has been conducting a summary of ocean observing activities in the region, developing a Memorandum of Agreement among partner entities, developing a web portal, and identifying stakeholders – such as the Oil Spill Technical Advisory Committee -- and their needs. CeNCOOS is building upon the many existing ocean observing and monitoring activities in the region, such as the State Coastal Conservancy-funded Coastal Ocean Currents Monitoring Program, the Center for Integrated Marine Technologies, the Center for Integrated Coastal Observations Research and Education, and the San Francisco Physical Oceanographic Real Time System. Legislation authorizing appropriations for ocean observing, including CeNCOOS, is currently in Congress – S. 361, HR 1489, and HR 1584. FMI, please contact Stephanie Watson [swatson@mbari.org](mailto:swatson@mbari.org) or 831-775-1987 of the California Ocean Observing System or Rondi Robison, [rrobison@ucsc.edu](mailto:rrobison@ucsc.edu) for the Center for Integrated Marine Technologies for additional information.

## VII. OSPR AUDIT STATUS REPORT

LISA CURTIS

- Finance letter was rejected. We are going for a different approach for the ADDS pack system. The procurement process we are going to try is a BCP for FY 06/07 and ask for an early implementation.
- The impact of OSPR audit was followed by F&G Preservation Fund audit. There are approx 8 million surplus dollars in the administrative fund. Need to get in touch with industry, stakeholders, etc to find out what is the best use of dollars. Matt added that OSPR should work closely with WASP regarding sharing the surplus.
- Steve Sawyer pointed out that a report with comments is due to the Legislature on the audit by 8/1/05.
- Mitchel moved to establish a committee to draft a document prior to the July meeting. Steve Ricks suggested that an action item listed be prepared to work off of to prepare the document:
  1. What was proposed and what do we already have?
  2. Do we concur with findings?
    - a. Data handling
    - b. Drills

**VIII. UPDATE ON SHORELINE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS****JOY LAVIN-JONES**

- Joy Lavin-Jones reported that the new Shoreline Protection regulations are for vessels only. The public has concerns about requirements not being the same.
- OSPR will develop requirements this will be done with tables developed by Carl Jochums (OSPR engineer). Table will be part of regulations. Cleanup regulations.
- Hope to have a workshop in May or early June.
- Will start formal Rulemaking by July.

**IX. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- ❖ *Conflict with the next TAC meeting and the BC/PS Annual Task Force Meeting*
- ❖ *Changed the date of the next TAC meeting to July 12, 2005*
- ❖ *A committee was developed to respond to the Report to the Legislature document.*  
*Committee consists of:*  
*Steve Ricks*  
*Matt Rezvani*  
*Jonna Mazet*
- ❖ *Suggested Agenda Items for next meeting*
  - *Draft comments due by next TAC meeting 7/12/05, on the Report to Legislature, final due 8/1/05.*
  - *Mike Ziccardi may give a presentation on Ventura Spill at the next TAC meeting*
- ❖ *Date and Location of 2005 meetings*
  - *January 25, 2005 – Sacramento*
  - *April 26, 2005 -- Monterey*
  - *July 12, 2005 – Los Alamitos, CA*
  - *October 25, 2005 -- TBA*

**ADJOURN**

- ❖ Steve moved to adjourn the meeting. Mitchel seconded.